

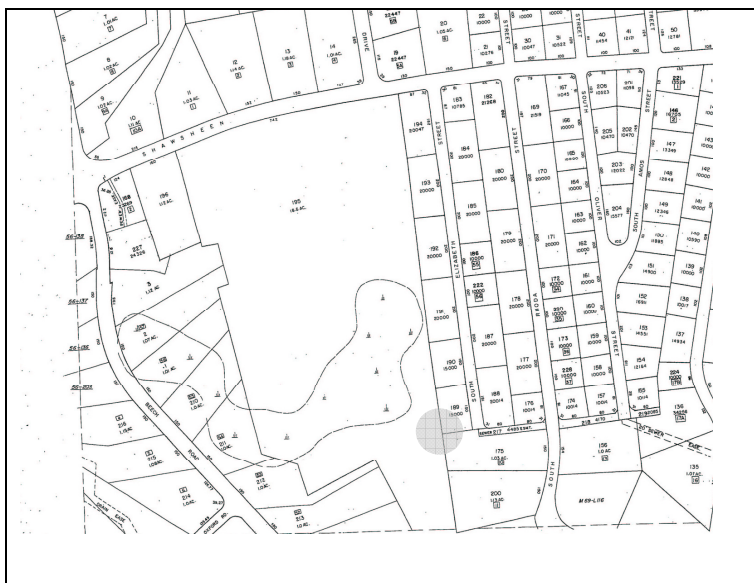
FORM C – OBJECT

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place (*neighborhood or village*):
Shawsheen

Address or Location: 165 Shawsheen Street

Name: Foster Boundary Marker

Ownership: ☒ Public ☐ Private

Type of Object (*check one*):

☐ statue ☐ monument
☐ bust ☐ milestone
☐ group composition ☐ marker
☐ religious shrine ☒ boundary marker
☐ other (*specify*)

Date of Construction: Unknown

Source:

Designer/Sculptor:

Materials: Split Face Granite Boulder

Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

Acreage: NA

Setting:

Located in a built-up area southeast of the Heath Brook School at the west of a mid-20th century subdivision.

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Date (*month / year*): August 2010

INVENTORY FORM C CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

90 HOOD ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

DESIGN ASSESSMENT

Describe the design features of the object and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.

The memorial is a simple granite boulder split with a smooth face located in a line with a low stone wall of dry laid stone, all much smaller than the large half boulder. The boulder is located at the rear (west) boundary of 21 South Elizabeth Street. The stone is visible to the public from the Painted Turtle Nature Trail to the south of Heath Brook Elementary School.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Explain the history of the object and how it relates to the development of the community.

The stone appears to be a possible boundary marker between two parcels owned by members of the Foster family that owned a farm near the corner of Shawsheen Street and Beech Road in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The stone is located in line with a low dry laid stone wall that forms the rear (western) boundary of a 1954 subdivision Heath Brook Manor. The subdivision was laid out on land belonging the Herbert Foster and his wife Ida in 1954. The subdivision was sold to Miles Record in 1955. The subdivision was expanded to the south 1965-1966 by the Content Brook Manor subdivision. To the west of the subdivision on a parcel of former Foster land is the Heath Brook School constructed in 1957.

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION *(if applicable):*

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